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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 2, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Due to the closure of the Federal Government on January 2, 2007 in observance of the death of Gerald Ford, this amendment is being filed on January 3, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: